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TDHC closes casino operations

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» Hundreds of employees laid off; salaries still not paid

Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino temporarily closed its casino operations last Friday due to the inability of tour operators to sell its Tinian and Saipan destination tour package as a result of Typhoon Soudelor's recent devastation of the CNMI.

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Goni strands nearly 200 at airport

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Eight flights were diverted to the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport on their way to Guam on Saturday due the strong winds and rain from Tropical Storm Goni, according to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

As of yesterday afternoon, three of the eight flights remained at the local airport.

CPA executive director Maryann Lizama said these were United Airlines, Star Alliance, and Jin Air flights.

The eight diverted flights were headed to Guam.

"But because there was zero visibility on Guam they couldn't land so they were diverted here," Lizama said.

Lizama said United Airlines was able to check in passengers at hotels.

Jin Air 182 passengers were housed in the holding area.

But concession stands were closed due to the Condition 1

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FREE DRINKING WATER U.S. MARINE CORPS/LANCE CPL. BRIAN BEKKALA

Local tattoo artist Deryielle Paña sets up her water jugs to be filled at a water distribution site set up by U.S. Marines from Combat Logistics Battalion 31, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, as part of typhoon relief efforts on Saipan, Aug. 11, 2015. The 31st MEU and the ships of the Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Ready Group are assisting the Federal Emergency Management Agency with distributing emergency relief supplies to Saipan after the island was struck by Typhoon Soudelor on Aug. 2-3.

Rota gets strongest winds from Goni

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» Soudelor-battered Saipan gets heavy rainfall

Tropical Storm Goni passed between Rota and Tinian Saturday night, sparing the worst for Soudelor-battered Saipan.

Rota got the strongest winds of up to 60 miles per hour as Goni, which means "swan" in Korean, made its closest point of approach north of the island.

According to acting press secretary Matt Deleon Guerrero, no damage were reported on Rota although the is-

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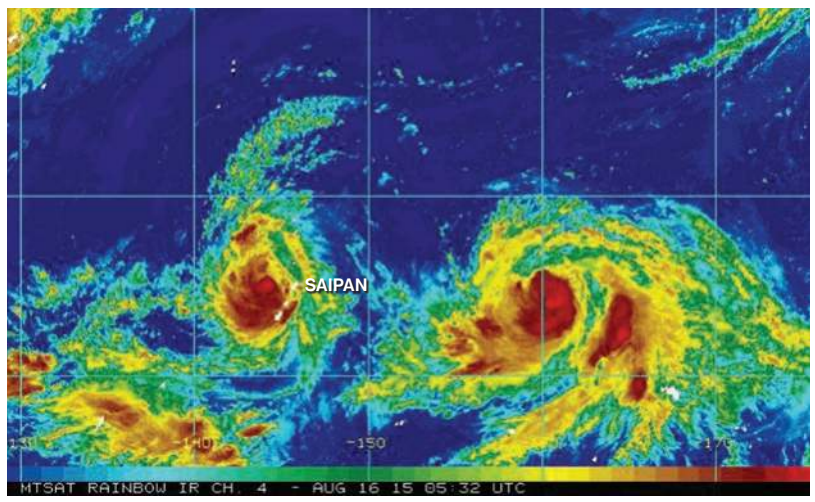

Estimated $24M impact due to cancelled flights

» HANMI expects fully booked seats from Chinese tourists today

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As of last Thursday, a total of 9,268 tourists have so far cancelled their trips to the CNMI, translating to $24 million in lost revenue for the islands, according to the Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio.

Tenorio said the estimate is based on January of this year's average room and occupancy rates, which is very similar to

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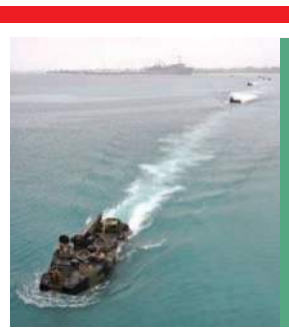

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INOS SIGNS NEW 'PRICE FREEZE' LAW

Prices of fuel, basic commodities remain frozen

Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into law the "Commonwealth Price Freeze Act of 2015," which permits a price freeze to be in effect until the end of a declaration of major disaster or significant emergency for the CNMI.

The governor signed the new law a day after the House of Representatives passed Senate Bill 19-59 that amends an existing disaster "price freeze" law to allow the governor to extend the number of days that a price freeze can be put in place.

The Senate passed S.B 19-59 earlier in a session on Tinian on Tuesday.

Last week, Inos requested the Legislature to hold emergency sessions to pass the amendment.

"In order to more effectively protect our residents from predatory pricing activities by merchants following Typhoon Soudelor, I respectfully request that you call an emergency joint session of the Commonwealth Legislature to amend the Disaster Price Freeze Act. At present the Disaster Price Freeze Act allows the governor to issue a price freeze for five days, and further allows one five-day extension," said Inos in his letter.

According to Inos, a price freeze order was issued on Aug. 3 and was extended through Aug. 13.

"Price gouging has already been reported throughout the community. Without an amendment to the Act, I will be unable to extend this necessary protection for our community," he said.

The Consumer Protection Act makes it unlawful for businesses to engage in price gouging, which occurs when a business increases prices based solely on a shortage of goods caused by a natural disaster or any other emergency.

The Office of the Attorney General will prosecute, both criminally and civilly, any business that engages in price gouging.

In a statement, the CNMI government said the price of the following items remain frozen:

1. Gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel, natural gas, and all other chemical fuels, whether in gaseous, liquid, or solid form;

2. All foods and foodstuffs, including water, bottled water, beverages, and ice;

3. All clothing;

4. Flashlights, lamps, lanterns, candles, light bulbs, and other means of illumination;

5. Generators, cables, wires, electrical batteries of every sort, and similar equipment for the generation and/or transmission of electrical power;

6. All appliances used in the storage and/or preparation of food, including, but not limited to, stoves, barbecue grills, ovens, refrigerators, and coolers;

7. Tools typically used for construction, ground clearing, or home repairs, whether electrically powered, chemically powered, or manual, including, but not limited to, saws, machetes, hammers, drills, shovels, rakes, and brooms.

8. All bedding items, including pillows, futons and blankets.

It is illegal for any person or business to raise the price of any of the above-listed items while a price freeze is in effect. A violation of the Consumer Disaster Price Freeze Act is punishable by a $10,000 fine and one year of imprisonment for each violation."

The CNMI government is also encouraging the public to report incidents of price gouging by contacting the Office of the Attorney General at (670) 237-7500 or (670) 664-2366/67.

(Joel Pinaroc)

Saving Saipan: United 4 Saipan steps up to the plate

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Editor's note: Saipan Tribune*'s latest series will feature everyday heroes who are taking part in recovery efforts and assisting those in need after Typhoon Soudelor devastated Saipan.*

Jenny Hegland created United 4 Saipan after seeing the island ripped apart by Typhoon Soudelor. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Volunteer Grace Orcajo speaks to a couple in Kagman after giving them water and food. THOMAS MANGLONA II

A white piece of paper taped to a wall with their mission statement written in black ink is what drives the members of United 4 Saipan.

"A grassroots volunteer group providing access to water and essential necessities for people affected by Typhoon Soudelor," the paper reads.

Headed by Saipan Golf owner and instructor Jenny Hegland, the organization, known as U4S, has delivered nearly 17,000 gallons of water to people in need across the island along with canned food, milk, diapers, and other basic necessities.

Five days after Typhoon Soudelor made landfall, Hegland, who has resided on island for just six months, saw a need for immediate relief for the island community. It was clear days later that people, especially those in isolated areas, did not have the means to receive aid offered by the government.

"In a natural disaster like this, what is needed is a multifaceted diverse approach happening simultaneously," she told *Saipan Tribune*. "…The government hasn't been able to deliver water directly to people's doors, but we have and that is the role we can fill right now. Hopefully, that is an inspiration for other business to be involved with us."

Organizations like the American Red Cross, Marianas Young Professionals, Salvation Army, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Karidat as well as local businesses have already contributed resources to U4S' efforts.

Former Special Forces soldier Cole Morril carries water to a Kagman residence. THOMAS MANGLONA II

Hegland hopes that more collaboration with government organizations will occur so that U4S can procure even more aid to distribute to those who need it the most.

"Honestly it is a matter of life and death in some situations. There are families who at this point, have sanitation, hygiene, and disease problems," she added.

Hegland explained that the organization's light structure allows it to provide immediate relief, unlike the red tape that local and federal government entities comply with.

"This immediate relief is really important. We have it because we have light structure, because we organize quickly, and we are not tied to major funding sources, so that allows us to act quickly," she noted.

U4S is largely funded by donations through its GoFundMe page, which has raised over $20,000.

Volunteer and former Special Forces soldier Cole Morril was deployed to Iraq three times and Afghanistan twice in his 10 years of service before coming to Saipan. "It's like being deployed again," he told *Saipan Triune.*

"You really get to get into it and go door to door and see the good that you are doing. Most of these people don't have the means to get where they need to get what they need. I'm super impressed with Jenny and all the other members," he added.

A two-car operation is what delivers aid to isolated villages like Kagman last week.

Volunteer Grace Orcajo was misty-eyed when giving food to one family, who can't leave their home to register for aid because of their isolated location.

"They don't want to go to the shelter. They don't want to leave their houses," she said. "Sometimes staying in a shelter is hard. They have animals to take care of."

Another typhoon victim the group visited, a mother of two, must clear the rubble from her collapsed home, so that she can set up a tent provided by FEMA after they left the shelter.

"We already applied to FEMA…they haven't come but I need to clean so I have a place to set my tent," the resident told U4S members.

Although she and her family registered for FEMA assistance, they won't be able to know when it's time for their interview because they no longer have power to make phone calls.

"I registered online, I called, when we were in the shelter… but now the phone is dead so I am trying to find a way to call them back," she said.

United 4 Saipan continues to provide aid to those who can't reach it. This past weekend, the group spent hours informing residents in remote parts of the island of the tropical storm and urged them to seek shelter.

To donate, volunteer, or seek help from United 4 Saipan call 670-484-4357 (HELP).

BoH accepting donations for Soudelor relief efforts

HONOLULU, Hawaii—Effective immediately, all Bank of Hawaii branches across the state of Hawaii and the West Pacific will be accepting donations to support relief efforts on Saipan following the damage caused by Typhoon Soudelor. All donations will go to the American Red Cross.

Check donations may be made payable to: American Red Cross – Saipan Disaster Relief, and deposited at any Bank of Hawaii branch. Cash donations are also being accepted.

"Typhoon Soudelor is the biggest storm to hit Saipan in 30 years, and the situation is desperate," said Coralie Chun Matayoshi, CEO of the American Red Cross, Pacific Islands Region - Hawaii Guam Saipan. "Over 1,100 homes were affected, including nearly 600 that were completely destroyed or suffered major damage. About 600 residents sought refuge in shelters with Red Cross to date providing over 14,000 meals and 26,000 emergency relief items. And it's about to get worse. Attempts to restore the downed electrical, water and sewage systems are being hampered by another slow moving storm expected to hit this weekend, with another storm to follow. There are 90 Red Cross workers on the ground with plans to deploy 40 more."

"We don't want our neighbors on Saipan to lose hope, and so we are incredibly grateful to Bank of Hawaii for giving people in Hawaii an opportunity to contribute to our humanitarian relief efforts," said Chun Matayoshi. ***(BOH)***

United hosts online fundraising for Saipan relief

GUAM—United Airlines announced Friday an online fundraising initiative to provide relief to victims of Typhoon Soudelor on Saipan. The airline is also purchasing emergency medical kits with medicines and supplies for 10,000 Saipan residents for up to 90 days, which with the Ayuda Foundation will distribute at the Commonwealth Health Center of Saipan.

United has started an online fundraiser for Saipan relief via Crowdrise at www.crowdrise.com/unitedtyphoonsoudelor-relief. The campaign is open to the public and all MileagePlus members. MileagePlus members who donate a minimum of $50 will receive a one-time mileage bonus of 250 miles and can receive up to a maximum of 1,000 miles as follows. United is ready to offer up to a total of 1,000,000 miles.

» Airline continues partnership with Ayuda Foundation

Sam Shinohara, United's managing director Guam, Micronesia and Manila, said: "United is proud to continue our partnership with Ayuda Foundation in our efforts to assist the people of Saipan as they recover from the devastation of Typhoon Soudelor. We thank all of our employees and customers for their compassion and support for the recovery efforts in Saipan."

Monetary donation	Monetary donation
$50 - 99	250 miles
$100 - 249	500 miles
$250 or more	1,000 miles

Carlotta Leon-Guerrero, Ayuda Foundation's executive director, said: "Ayuda Foundation has partnered with United Airlines for nearly 20 years throughout Micronesia. Ayuda Foundation, through its partnership with United and its customers, has helped to transport more than 1,000 patients from Guam to other destinations for medical treatment. Ayuda Foundation's mission is to deliver medical, human services and developmental assistance throughout the Pacific region."

Extra flights assist recovery efforts

Following Typhoon Soudelor, United immediately started operating extra flights between Guam and Saipan with Boeing 737-800 aircraft to enable affected Cape Air passengers to complete their travel to and from Saipan and to accommodate customers involved in disaster recovery efforts. ***(United)***

SBA offers disaster assistance for private nonprofit groups

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Low-interest federal disaster loans are now available to certain private nonprofit organizations on the islands of Rota, Saipan, and Tinian following President Obama's federal disaster declaration for Public Assistance as a result of Typhoon Soudelor that occurred Aug. 1-3, 2015, announced Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet of the U.S. Small Business Administration. PNPs that provide essential services of a governmental nature are eligible for assistance.

"PNP organizations should contact Special Assistant Ivan A. Blanco, Communication and Protocol of the CNMI Office of the Governor, at (670) 237-8000 or ivan.blanco@gov.mp to obtain information about applicant briefings," said director Tanya N. Garfield of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West. "At the briefings, PNP representatives will need to provide information about their organization," continued Garfield. FEMA will use that information to determine if the PNP provides an "essential governmental service" and is a "critical facility" as defined by law. If so, FEMA may provide the PNP with a Public Assistance grant for their eligible costs. If not, FEMA may refer the PNP to SBA for disaster loan assistance.

SBA may lend PNPs up to $2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to help with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For certain private nonprofit organizations of any size, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help with meeting working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDLs may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that cannot be paid because of the disaster's impact. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the nonprofit suffered any property damage.

The interest rate is 2.625 percent with terms up to 30 years. The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is October 5, 2015. The deadline to return economic injury applications is May 5, 2016.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela.

Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955 or emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call (800) 877-8339. For more information about SBA's disaster assistance programs, visit http://www.sba.gov/disaster. ***(SBA)***

NMI Judiciary's hours of operation

Business hours for the CNMI Judiciary on Saipan are limited to between the hours of 8am and 12pm, Monday, Aug. 17, through Friday, Aug. 21, 2015. This schedule will be maintained until further notice. Changes to this schedule will be disseminated on the Judiciary's website, www.justice.gov.mp, and through other media.

On Rota and Tinian, the hours of operation will be 7:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

The partial day operations on Saipan are expected to continue until issues associated with water and fuel availability and standby power generation are resolved. ***(NMI Judiciary)***

HANMI, Kilili donate relief items to Karidat

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Karidat recently received a total of $20,000 worth of relief items from the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Acting Karidat executive director Judith Pangelinan accepted the donation from the HANMI board of directors, represented by chairwoman Gloria Cavanagh, secretary Hiroki Sugie, and board member Abner Acosta.

"We are all suffering and seeing everybody working together to ease the pain of those who are affected by this and help them pick up again and start all over is great because there are a lot of volunteers and a lot of people donating," Pangelinan said.

Pangelinan said that even before the typhoon, Karidat was already out of items to be given away.

"Right before the typhoon, our pantry was completely bare. People come here and ask for food every day. Anybody that comes here, we have to give them whatever we have. Once we depleted it, we have to turn them away and tell them we're sorry we don't have any until such time that an organization or business donate again," she said.

HANMI's donation included 332 cases of soba, 205 cases of luncheon meat, 166 cases of canned fruit, and 124 cases of canned vegetables. HANMI acknowledged distributer D&Q Saipan for giving them a discount on the luncheon meat purchased.

» Karidat to distribute relief to parishes soon

"At this time, with so many people losing their homes and thousands of households without power, we know food remains a primary concern for many," said Cavanagh.

"As a longstanding partner of the community, HANMI wants to help alleviate this immediate need and is pleased to partner with Karidat to get this food out into the villages," she added.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) also donated butane to be included in the relief kits that will be distributed by Karidat.

A total of 50 cases of butane were delivered to the Karidat office last Friday.

Karidat was also able to get a grant from Catholic Charities worth $10,000 to get relief supplies, half of which were food items while the other half were used to purchase hygiene supplies, gas vouchers and butane.

All of these will be included in the care packages to be distributed sometime this week. Karidat hoped to repack items over the weekend and distribute today but weather got bad due to Tropical Storm Goni.

Karidat said they will not be distributing in their office but will be going out to the community.

"Our distribution will be at the parishes at each of the Catholic churches. We might begin with Kagman parish for the first distribution," Pangelinan said.

"Those from San Antonio don't need to go to all the way to Kagman because we will also be distributing goods in San Antonio. We want to go out to the community instead of them coming to us," she added.

Karidat said they will be announcing through the media when they will hold relief distribution in the community. Members of the 19th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will also assist with the distribution.

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Judy Pangelinan, acting executive director of Karidat, receives $20,000 in relief food from the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands on Aug. 14, 2015, at Mariana Resort & Spa. Members of the 19th Legislature have committed to assist Karidat with distribution. Pictured from left are HANMI secretary Hiroki Sugie, Rep. John Paul Sablan, Rep. Antonio Sablan, Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro, Pangelinan, HANMI chairwoman Gloria Cavanagh, House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero, Rep. Larry Deleon Guerrero, Vice Speaker Rafael Demapan, Rep. Angel Demapan, HANMI board member Abner Acosta, and House floor leader George Camacho. Not pictured are HANMI board members Nick Nishikawa, Mike Johnson, and Ivan Quichocho.

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Twenty thousand dollars worth of relief supplies, including 332 cases of soba, were donated by the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands to Karidat on Aug. 14, 2015, at Mariana Resort & Spa as members of the 19th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature also commit to assist Karidat with distribution. Pictured from left are Rep. John Paul Sablan, Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro, Rep. Edwin Propst, and Vice Speaker Rafael Demapan.

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Staff members of the 19th Legislature load $20,000 in relief food donated by the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands to Karidat on Aug. 14, 2015, at Mariana Resort & Spa. Karidat will announce plans for the distribution of the food within the next week.

A PASTORAL LETTER

'We walk by faith and not by sight'

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Typhoon Soudelor's passing through the Marianas on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2015, left shock and awe at its strength and the extensive damage it caused by Monday morning, Aug. 3, 2015. Sparing the other islands in our chain, its intensity and landfall on Saipan caused destruction to homes and property, and disrupted lives, private enterprise, and public services. A declaration of emergency issued locally on Aug. 3, 2015, reached national recognition through a presidential declaration on Aug. 5, 2015.

The difficulties of recovery and challenges of rebuilding are real and seem, for now, untimely. For most, life on Saipan as we know it has shifted and some uncertainty lies ahead. But we as a community, as a people of faith, and through our unique cultures rooted in that faith, have risen before through similar adversity. We are a resilient people of God and this is evident through the coming together of islands, organizations, peoples, and programs to assist those in most need of help after Typhoon Soudelor.

In this instance, my brother priests and I are thankful to all those who have reached out to meet the needs of the parishes and peoples affected by Typhoon Soudelor. Your love, patience, and enduring kindness are priceless gifts in what can be very trying times in extreme conditions. We have received pledges of prayers and other assistance from other dioceses: Bishop Randolph Calvo of the Diocese of Reno who facilitated contact with Catholic Relief Services and Archbishop Anthony Apuron who sent his offer of assistance. Also, His Excellency Archbishop Martin Krebbs, D.D., Apostolic Nuncio to the Pacific and Apostolic Delegate to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, on behalf of Holy Father, assured his solidarity with us in prayer and support. We are indeed blessed with the outreach of so many from near and far.

Our next steps remain with personal choice and an attitude of hope in Christ, for "we walk by faith and not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7) We can either continue to highlight the difficulties and challenges of our circumstances all the while knowing they exist, or, we can choose to overcome them. The resiliency of our island cultures is rooted in our faith, rooted in our Christ, and rooted in our belief that while everything changes, God is constant. He is amongst us and He is our strength. Let not the typhoon shake our convictions but, rather, wake them up to greater trust and hope in the Lord whose abundance is beyond the scope of our expectations. Let us continue to pray and help one another.

God bless us all as we start anew.

I remain with you in prayer,

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Chasm ahead for Social Security

Social Security's retirement system is like a speeding train full of happy passengers. It's a comfy ride for the current leg of the journey. But the passengers may be clueless—or maybe don't care—that a bridge is out just over the next rise.

Absent changes to the system, Social Security is headed into a chasm for the next generation. Baby boomers who've paid into the system for decades have begun drawing money out in big numbers, but there will be too few working Americans to keep the retirement fund in the black beyond 20 more years. The math just doesn't work.

That's the not-so-happy birthday message as Social Security celebrates its 80 anniversary this month.

The good news is that there is enough time to avert major pain if Washington takes steps early enough. It would take the kind of bipartisan bargain that the Obama White House and GOP leaders in Congress could only yak and fantasize about.

The time is now—during the 2016 presidential campaign—to lay the groundwork for that politically dicey bargain.

Some in the Republican presidential field would bring common-sense reforms to the table. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, for example, say they'd gradually boost the retirement age for younger people. Christie gets specific, saying full retirement eligibility should be delayed two years. He's specific, too, on whether wealthy people should draw from the system. Christie says no, multimillionaires with retirement income over $200,000 don't need monthly government checks to sustain them.

It's hard to see how Social Security solves its math problems without these kinds of bold strokes. Bill Gates, Warren Buffet and Ross Perot don't need government to keep them out of poverty, which was the original intent of the Social Security system.

Meanwhile, the presidential field contains many defenders of the status quo on Social Security, both Democrat and Republican. On the GOP side, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee would build a wall around Social Security as part of sweeping tax reform. That stance is not far from the recent statement from Democratic frontrunner Hillary Clinton: "We don't mess with it."

Even less realistic was a position outlined by 71 congressional Democrats in a letter to President Barack Obama last month; they asked his support to "expand Social Security benefits for millions of Americans." The signees were joined by Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, who's challenging Clinton for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Nowhere did the letter say how proponents would fund more generous benefits. It's delusional and irresponsible to ignore the math like that.

The facts are these: In 1960, five workers supported every Social Security recipient. Today, it's fewer than three. In 20 years, it'll be about two.

The financial stress will be enormous on people in the next generation, and it's up to today's leaders to make sure they don't get crushed.

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A foray into Wing Beach

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Typhoon Goni wind-swept and drenched Saipan this weekend. Enduring the wind and rain indoors, as recommended by Gov. Inos when the typhoon was upgraded to Condition 1, I took time to recall less than a decade ago venturing into Saipan's Wing Beach. I was told that snorkeling was splendid, with colorful fish on the numerous corals that blanketed the area. I was not disappointed.

I learned that the area is a protected nesting site for turtles on shore to lay their eggs in season and, although I had not seen any of the famed *wu gui* (turtles), they do come ashore, also at Obyan Beach.

The visit to Wing Beach was spent on its northern coral reef where it got rough on the coastline heading toward Banzai Cliff. The current that pulled into the deeper slope was strong, but I knew enough to body surf on the waves to get back to the reef without battling the current and swimming against the tide.

The snorkeling was priceless, floating over the corals at a couple of feet of water above wonderland before luxuriating on the open areas where boats came into, or previously operated a small "wharf." There were cement pillars on the shore. On the corals, I was a voyeur of Mother Nature's splendid handiwork.

Fast-forward a decade later. It must be my age for I found it difficult steadying my footing on the sand, let alone on the corals. Tide was down so the water above the corals had my tummy scrapping the sharp edges of the corals. Were it not for the thick shirt I wore, we might be in a bloody mess.

Well, we were anyway. Bloodied, that is.

I remember running a six-week training design in Ijede south of Lagos in Nigeria by the Lagoon for community development workers, and I made sure everyone took their prophylaxis, especially the PCVs from Ghana. The foreigners were oriented on the necessity of taking their drugs.

In Northern Luzon, my Dad trembled under the sheets while sweating in the tropical heat, compliments of mosquitoes. This time, though cognitively clear, I did not heed my own advice and was lax in my own medication until the third week when I began to have cold sweats.

The volunteer nurse in our group let me smoke some of the ganja abundant in the area of the training center "to relieve pain." My only experience at the time with the weed was in Jamaica where the plant also grew profusely around the Parish on the Blue Mountains. I took more than a drag as 11-year-olds were clearly already into the habit. The THC from the cannabis was an upper at the start when I was fresh; after the training when I was weary, the weed liberally went down the line during the closing celebration but it was a downer. In the middle of a six-week training design, I found myself overwhelmed and tired. The ganja made me climb the walls.

A replay occurred at Wing Beach. I made sure my companions were properly rubberized with gloves and shoes, wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants. They had no problems concentrating on the view of the abundant parrotfishes swimming around.

But casually, I wore a pair of island zori (flip flops) and I was sorry. It did not take long before the thong snapped and I slipped my footing on the corals. I broke the fall with the left palm, and nine sore spots later, I was a bleeding mess.

I was conscious of toxic corals that may be in the vicinity and when the blood coagulated too fast for comfort, I took an old pocketknife and made sure the pricked and scratched spots had blood properly flowing. My left palm looked from the bleeding like it just survived a grinder.

I do learn my lesson fast so the following day, I hied to the store to buy me a pair of rubber shoes so I can walk on the corals without trying to figure out how best to spread the weight; picked up a pair of rubberized gloves so I can crawl on top of the coral without worrying about scratching the palms. I thought of knee and elbow pads but they only had the basketball variety.

This time, though, I skipped Wing Beach. Getting there meant driving through the bumpy road that the nearby resort's all-terrain-vehicles go through. The rut on the road was best left to look wild. At first, I was impressed that a group with helmets would bicycle to the secluded area until I saw them on their all-terrain-vehicles in the parking lot.

This time I took guests to the resort beach and since the tide was coming up (it was at ebb tide the day before), we had a good swim through the numerous ponds with parrotfishes. I ventured into the coral reef to see if any shells wandered over the reef. A couple did and this time, I did not hesitate to take them home for *hors d'oeuvre!*

Wing Beach is recommended for tourists, though I'd make sure that those who go into the water to snorkel are safely equipped and properly guided. Ditto for the resort beach nearby. It is worth the trip to the beaches if only to frolic with the parrotfishes. That's if typhoon Atsani following Goni do not stir the waters too much.

Oh, leave the spear gun behind!

Never again

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Two weeks' worth of news about Typhoon Soudelor's heart-wrenching devastation on Saipan and the painstaking steps to full recovery convinced many on the islands that prudence was the best course. So they sprang into action ahead of Tropical Storm Goni's forecasted approach to ensure the safety of their family and property.

"Goni," a Korean word for "swan," made its presence felt in the CNMI mainly with its gusty winds from Saturday night to early Sunday morning but residents seemed to be better prepared this time around, thanks to lessons learned from Soudelor.

People filled their vehicles with gas ahead of time, made sure they have enough diesel to run their power generators, did their laundry, stored water and food, readied their first-aid kits, candles and lighters, charged their mobile phones, prepared their transistor radio, secured their homes, got their typhoon shutters ready, and secured loose objects around their property so they won't be picked up by winds and pose danger to people and property.

Residents heeded government advisories to seek safer shelters that, by 6pm Saturday, all Public School System emergency shelters on Saipan, Tinian and Rota were already filled to capacity. The government had to open the Commonwealth Arts Council Gallery on Capital Hill to also accommodate individuals seeking refuge.

One could only hope that this kind of preparation in the CNMI will be consistent throughout the year.

Before Soudelor directly hit Saipan two weeks ago, residents might have considered staying put in their wood-and-tin houses given that Goni was only a tropical storm and not a typhoon. But they knew better this time around.

For other people, seeking safer shelters also meant staying with their relatives or neighbors living in sturdier houses and away from flood-prone areas.

Goni's overall effect was not as devastating as worst case scenarios had anticipated. It's not as destructive as Soudelor, but Goni's gusty winds and rains still managed to knock off some more trees and property, pick up debris that Soudelor caused, knock off power at least on Rota and cause flooding in certain areas.

In Guam, Goni dumped a record rainfall of 9.64 inches on Saturday, beating the previous record of 5.14 inches in 1981, according to the Guam office of the U.S. National Weather Service on Sunday morning. Guam experienced heavy flooding around the island starting on Saturday, destroying property and making some roads impassable.

The CNMI and Guam are currently in the middle of a strong El Niño weather pattern, NWS Guam says. This means there is an increased risk of typhoons this year in the Marianas where, historically, October and November are when most typhoons have passed over or near it.

It's only August, yet the Marianas has already seen its share of destructive typhoons and storms so continued vigilance and preparation is needed. Saipan is still reeling from the massive destruction of Soudelor two weeks ago, while some Guam residents are also still reeling from Typhoon Dolphin's destruction in May.

When Goni passed near the islands, over a hundred people on Saipan were still in temporary shelters because of Soudelor, and thousands more were still living without power, food and other emergency supplies.

But it's good to know that Saipan is now seeing signs of progress as it pulls itself together after Soudelor's direct hit left the island in shambles. Help for Saipan residents continue to arrive from different federal agencies and the U.S. military, and from private sources within the CNMI and from Guam, Hawaii, other U.S. states, and other places.

Private citizens continue to do extraordinary things of bringing drinking water, food and other emergency supplies to people who have yet to get those reliefs from the local and federal government.

As Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said in his latest weekly e-newsletter, "basic public infrastructure is beginning to come back to life," including water services. "Over the last week there have been many reasons to give us all hope," he said, as he cited specific examples.

These include having the Federal Emergency Management Agency's contractors begin their door-to-door inspections of some 2,600 homes that Soudelor damaged; the distribution of FEMA-provided emergency aid such as food, tents, disaster kits and other relief supplies; $146,000 in debit cards handed out to pay for fuel, phone cards, and laundry; the installation of more phone lines for the American Red Cross so people can make appointments and not wait in line; the Commonwealth Health Center now has electricity from the grid, courtesy of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. crew and help from the Guam Power Authority and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; debris removal with the help of the U.S. Marines from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit; and resumption of water services to many of the villages.

Using a reverse osmosis purification system, the U.S. Marines started distributing drinking water at five locations on Saipan. Perhaps the CNMI government should considering investing in a similar system to convert seawater into drinking water to be able to immediately provide relief to people in times of disasters, instead of waiting for the U.S. military or the federal agency to do so.

Lawmakers, more than ever, should start appropriating money to pay at least portions of the government's over $30 million debt to CUC so that the latter will also have money to buy backup power poles, transformers, conductors and other supplies that should come handy after typhoons knock down power poles and cause power outages.

The impacts of the government's wrong budget decisions and reckless spending are now coming back to haunt not only lawmakers and other elected officials but also the whole of the CNMI. Saipan alone is not expected to have full power services for at least a month. It takes weeks to ship needed utilities supply to Saipan, assuming CUC has spare money to make the necessary purchase.

Elected leaders still have time to do the right thing as the fiscal year 2016 budget has yet to pass the Legislature and reach the governor's desk. This, again, should be coupled with a more efficient emergency preparedness plan and ensuring the government knows what to do and how to do it in times of disasters.

Again, while Soudelor destroyed Saipan homes and property, it failed to destroy people's humanity, determination to rise up again, kindness and perseverance, although some could have used a little bit more patience, understanding and gratefulness.

Impending revenue loss

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*

Two disasters piled by major visitor cancellations, the domino effect being a slowdown of business operations, derail any optimistic outlook for positive revenue generation for the rest of the year. So the projected fiscal year 2016 budget would have to be far less than $145 million.

The deepening fiscal crisis atop piles of debts or financial obligation is troubling. It's disaster piled upon other disasters. Let's hope there's enough left to ensure the delivery of essential public services like health, education, and public safety. These are relevant concerns given that we would be scrambling for pennies, nickels, and dimes to make ends meet!

Once again, the revenue slide south reminds us of the fickleness of the tourism industry. It makes for a relevant quiz: How do we realign a mainstay that is as sturdy as poorly predicted Typhoon Soudelor?

Kilili: The lack of leadership is what we had to endure after the storm. Is it a tale of tentativeness and indecisions of dispositions since Monday, Aug. 4? I've heard your concerns about the queue lines for gasoline, water, and food assistance. Prompt assistance was insufficient, if not woefully slow where storm battered folks compete with the scorching heat all over.

Delegate Kilili is right that the system needs something better than grand disorientation where the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing.

At least Kilili had the presidential declaration of local disaster emergency signed in six hours' time. This while the boss tries to figure out "what's north?" But why did the acting governor limit the approximate destruction to $20 million? Goes to show a neophyte on the job!

Kilili also has a congressional staffer out here to help get the job done—getting the federal side to move quickly—as the local government figures out its role. Moreover, he asked the U.S. Marines out of Hawaii to move in and help the NMI. Thanks, guys, you've eased potable water needs of the village folks.

Goes to show in clear-cut fashion what happens when the elected elite is fossilized into the new sleepwalk culture basking in confusion. It's amateurish in every form or fashion or both. It isn't leadership but confused followership. Seesuzzzz!

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Meanwhile, I know the healthcare staff is overworked, handling additional patients in makeshift room like the old AC-II. It's no easy feat where efficiency begins to peter out after 12–18 long hours.

Kudos to all who work under scorching heat to put up power poles and stand for hours issuing food and other assistance to storm victims. It's no easy task either when the breeze takes a rain check while humidity thickens and plasters the entire island.

My friend Duñg: On the way home from a clinic, I visited Sugar Dock scouting for returning fishermen for fresh tuna. I was salivating and hungry for real sashimi and miso soup. Yep! It's been awhile since I last had on an old favorite dish just caught off the deep blue!

As I looked around, there stood at the end of the pier a young boy looking at the virulent sea below him that seems peaceful on the surface. He took a chancy quick dive then swam around the corner and got up. I noticed that he was alone. No room for a buddy system in the event something goes wrong.

I got out of the car and talked to him. I crumbled a piece of paper and threw it in the water. He watched powerful current quickly move it into the channel about a mile out. The kid understood the dangers I was explaining. He listened to my advice and moved to the shore.

A couple of issues came to mind as I recall Duñg taking a dive in dangerous water conditions. 1). The lack of organized youth activities for disadvantaged kids or those who can't afford fees for summer fun programs. 2). The tons of useless social programs in the NMI that hardly lift a finger to do something constructive for these kids.

I'm sure the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs could muster sufficient manpower and money for this purpose. Go ahead and tell me it needs money therefore it can't be done. How about a fully rounded youth program that include summer day blues? I'll show you exactly where to draw funds for this purpose.

Desperation: I feel for folks standing in long queues for gas, food, water and ice. I mean they do so under scorching heat. It shows the gauge of need reaching desperation level and would do anything to get what they came for. It's worrisome. I wonder if they are aware that they could get killed from heatstroke. It's good to bring water for rehydration and an umbrella to ward off direct heat from the sun. Do yourself this favor!

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Those on long gas lines have learned to deal with it. They brought their lunch, beach chairs and umbrellas as they inch their way through the endless formation. Stunning how they literally succeed getting their share of gasoline after five to eight hours. I still can't figure out why the rationing. Was there factually a fuel shortage? Mobil finally resolved its dysfunctional filling stations eliminating long lines.

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The loss of an entire family home is devastating. Rebuilding from scratch with some FEMA assistance is a start to regroup. It would take time to re-establish one happy family setting once more. But don't fret, do it now! It's one tough job all the way around. Still thankful, though, that no one was fatally hurt. It's one major reconstruction period for the next six-eight months, if not a whole year ahead.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A miracle

Some complain about the Red Cross, fuel, water, and ice lines; the administration, lack of preparedness, FEMA, and slow reaction to the disaster, but actually, North Saipan was ripped by a 220-plus mph typhoon with no fatalities and minimal serious injuries, which is nothing short of a miracle; Taiwan and China weren't so fortunate.

The CUC pole crews have done a great job, our major hotels were back to business immediately, and we've learned to prepare better.

And we know the 150-year-old international charitable organization, the Salvation Army, on Beach Road across from Hopwood Junior High School, and operated by Pastors Wayne and Annie Gillespie, serves the only free hot cooked lunch on Saipan daily from 12pm to 4pm. The outpouring of volunteer support has enabled them to also open a second kitchen in Kagman until further notice.

They fed lunch the past 10 post-storm days to 76, 179, 211, 594, 757, 829, 981,1249, 1876, 2238, 1737 (in two hours due to the new storm and running out of milk and juice), and 455 on the first day in Kagman. If you would like to volunteer, FB Anastasia Scott, emergency volunteer coordinator. The kitchen needs non-perishable food (as there is no water or power), specifically canned meat, soup or stew, rice, milk, juice, canned vegetables, sandwiches, fruit, garbage bags, hand sanitizer, grocery bags, and water.

The U.S. mainland specializes in disaster preparedness. Most towns have a YMCA, a YWCA, a Boy's Club, and the Salvation Army to assist in crises, both natural and personal, offering food, shelter, counseling, and rehabilitation. We need help building improved facilities for charitable organizations such as the Salvation Army, who offers hope for the spirit and food to all in need.

Ron Hodges
Puerto Rico, Saipan

Micronesian one stop service centers get $500K grant

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina announced Friday $500,000 in grant assistance under the Office of Insular Affairs' Technical Assistance Program for two non-governmental organizations, one in Hawaii and one in Guam, both collaborating with federal, state, and territorial officials on the ground to establish wrap-around one-stop social services for migrants from the freely associated states of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau.

"Given the financial and social welfare of migrants from the freely associated states, it is important that the federal government do what it can within its current resources to help empower our Micronesian communities as well as help affected jurisdictions like Hawaii and Guam," said Kia'aina.

» Partnering with non-government organizations to empower Micronesian communities

Since the implementation of the Compacts of Free Association with the freely associated states, many citizens from these nations have legally migrated to Guam and Hawaii for health, education, and work purposes. In 2013, Census data estimated 14,700 migrants from the FAS living in Hawaii with 17,170 living in Guam. In recent years, both governments estimate spending between $100 million and $150 million on public assistance, mostly for health and education.

Under current federal law, annual mandatory funding for Compact Impact Aid is capped at $30 million that is shared between Hawaii, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa, while Compact Impact discretionary funding averages around $3 million.

"While the federal government works in concert with affected jurisdictions on short- and long-term strategies on addressing policy and funding solutions to provide increased Compact Impact Aid, it is equally important for us to ensure that citizens from the freely associated states have fair and equal access to quality of life while living in the United States," said Kia'aina. "The Micronesian One Stop Service Centers have been a priority for the community and service providers for a long time, and I am pleased that we were able to help with their establishment."

The organizations awarded include:

■ **Partners in Development Foundation (Hawaii) - $250,000** to help *We Are Oceania,* a One Stop Service Center for Micronesians that will serve as a central physical and electronic resource center linking the various Micronesian communities living in Hawaii with public services and other resources in a way that is culturally sensitive and appropriate. The initial focus of the center will be in the areas of health, education, housing and homelessness, as well as labor. It is centrally located at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Honolulu.

■ **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guam – $249,892** to create a *Micronesian Resource Center One-Stop Shop Project* to assist Compact migrants traveling to and living on Guam. The Micronesian Resource Center will use the funding to increase the capacity of public and non-governmental entities to improve the integration of FAS migrants. They will provide assistance to new arrivals through orientation services, provide workforce development training and employment services, as well as provide family support initiatives to address cultural and social challenges. The center will be located in the village of Yona. However, to increase its outreach into the community, the center will take their "one-stop shop" services on the road through the use of a Mobil Access to Information (MAI) Van. ***(DOI)***

In Loving Memory of

John D. Tudela, Jr.

December 24, 1979 – August 10, 2015

John Diaz Tudela, Jr., 35 years, of Fremont, NE passed away Monday, August 10, 2015 at the Nebraska Methodist Hospital in Omaha, NE.

John was born December 24, 1979 to Juan Cepeda Tudela and Margarita Tanaka Diaz Tudela in Saipan. He grew up in Saipan and graduated from Marianas High School. After high school, he married Julia Marie Pangelinan on September 25, 1999 in Saipan. In 2009, he and his family moved to Fremont. He worked for Christensen Lumber for four years. He then worked for Hormel until his illness would no longer allow him to work. John loved to fish, play basketball, rugby, and watching and fighting MMA. He loved his family very much.

He is survived by his wife, Julie Marie of Fremont; daughters, Dorisha Julia and Bonita Eve of Fremont; sons, John Roberto Jr., Kiku Keoni both of Fremont; parents; Juan "Robit" Cepeda Tudela and Margarita Tanaka Diaz Tudela of Saipan; father-in-law; Vicente "Ben" Pinaula Castro of Fremont; brothers, Melcom Diaz Tudela (Vanessa Deleon Guerrero) of Saipan, Adrian Diaz (Kimberly) Tudela of Fremont; nephews: Kai Jake and Lyle Juan; nieces: Kayla Marie and Aleah Reiko; and many other nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jozhwa Jate and Mother-in-law, Dolores "Loli" Cepeda.

Memorial Service will be 11:00AM, Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at Moser Memorial Chapel in Fremont, Deacon Alberto Martinez will officiate.

Mass is being offered at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00AM up until August 19, 2015.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase from the Family!

MCS to start classes on Aug. 31

Mount Carmel School is delaying the start of the 2015-2016 school year to Monday, Aug. 31. Parent Orientation and Open House will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 2, from 5pm to 7pm. These delays are due to damage caused by Typhoon Soudelor, corresponding disruptions to the island's power and water supply, and hardships experienced by many families.

All teachers are to report to work by Monday, Aug. 24, for orientation and to prepare for the opening of the school year. To help families prepare for the school year with registration, tuition and fees, and other business matters, school office hours will run this week, Aug. 17 to 21, from 8am to 11am. Regular office hours will resume on Aug. 24, unless otherwise announced.

These schedules are subject to change depending on inclement weather and further delays and/or disruptions to the school's infrastructure.

Help and recovery efforts

To help families of students affected by Typhoon Soudelor, the school will excuse students from wearing full uniform until power and water are fully restored on island. Also, since the 2015-2016 school year will be a transition period for the school's uniform, the school is encouraging students to opt for the new uniform, which is a white MCS polo shirt and khaki pants, knee length khaki shorts, or knee length khaki skorts for girls. This new uniform alternative should be cooler and easier to clean than the school's traditional navy blue uniform pants, vests, skirts, and jumpers.

Students, families, AlumKnights, and school supporters are also welcome to help the school continue to clean and recover from Typhoon Soudelor. To help with campus cleanup efforts, contact John Blanco at 483-5472.

The school also welcomes off-island support. While in-kind donations are welcome, given the multifaceted recovery needs of the school and shipping challenges to the island, financial contributions are recommended through the "Make a Donation" link in the upper right hand corner of the school's website, mountcarmelsaipan.com. Off-island supporters may also mail basic school supplies for students to P.O. Box 500006, Saipan, MP 96950. Furthermore, off-island supporters are also encouraged to support relief efforts being coordinated by various government and nonprofit groups and agencies.

School office hours

■ Aug. 17–21: 8am to 11am
■ Aug. 24 onwards: 8am to 5pm
■ Reporting date for teachers: Aug. 24
■ First day of school: Aug. 31
■ Open House/Parent Orientation: September 2, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm ***(MCS)***

DEQ: Exercise caution in beaches

The Division of Environmental Quality's normal weekly analysis of Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainages has been postponed due to the damage caused by Typhoon Soudelor and the lack of a continuous 24-hour power supply. Sampling and analysis of Saipan's West Beaches will resume next week as the Environmental Surveillance Laboratory becomes operational again.

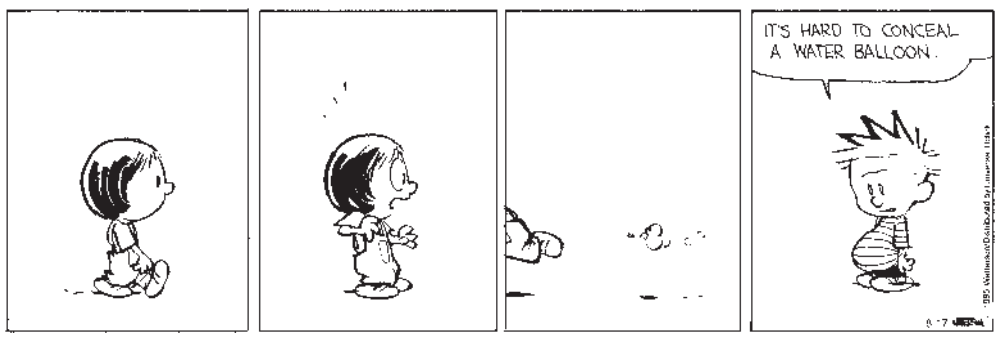
Although there is no current laboratory analysis indicating excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci), there is a general likelihood of higher levels of bacteria following any rainy period due to runoff from the land. Therefore, in order to adequately address public health concerns, DEQ is issuing this preemptive advisory, urging the public to exercise caution when swimming or fishing at all beach locations until otherwise notified.

For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



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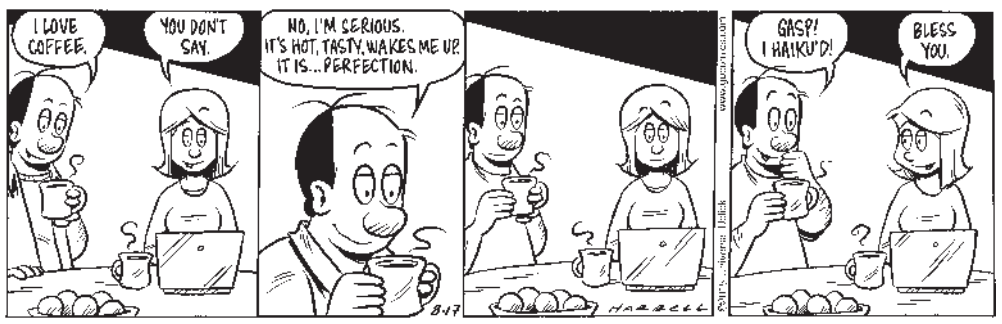

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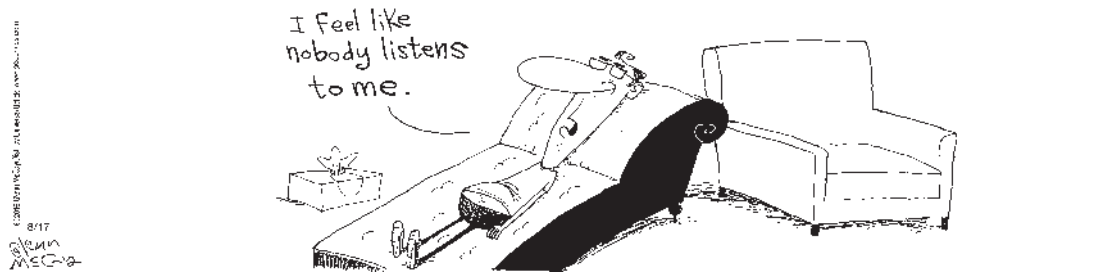
By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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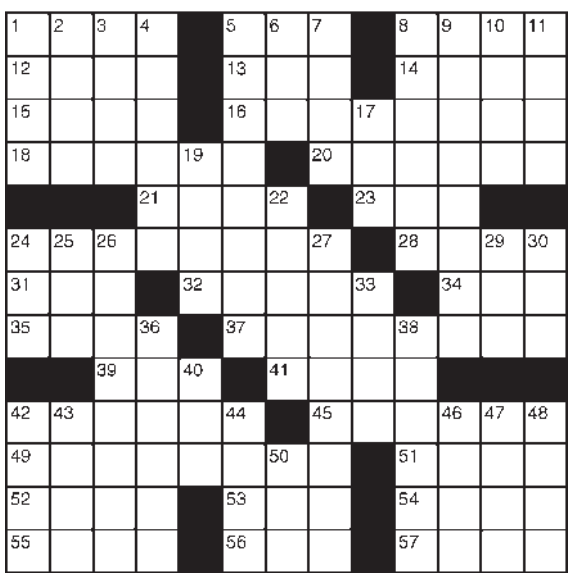

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Mark Salling, 33; Donnie Wahlberg, 46; Sean Penn, 55; Robert De Niro, 72.

Happy Birthday: Expand your interests, knowledge and skills, and you will find greater opportunities in your professional life. Set goals that allow you to use what you enjoy doing to bring in cash and raise your standard of living. Paying close attention to detail and putting together a practical game plan will lead to greater self-confidence. Your numbers are 1, 5, 18, 24, 32, 36, 48.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Someone will leave out important information that is required to do your job. Don't share personal secrets. Try to take an energetic approach to whatever you do. Passion and romance will improve your day and your relationship. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Focus on what you can do, not on what you can't. Don't let personal matters interfere with your productivity. Expand your interests and your friendships with the people who share your concerns. Learn as you go and you will push your way to the top. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Follow through with your plans. Wasting time talking about what you want to do will not bring results. Don't listen to someone who is trying to push you in a direction that doesn't fit your plans. Home improvements will pay off. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You will be sought after for advice, solutions and to discuss grievances. Listen and observe and you can position yourself accordingly. Your knowledge and common sense will help you avoid trouble. Your popularity is growing. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Generosity will be your downfall. It's important to look out for yourself and to concentrate on what you need to do in order to reach your goals. Don't limit your chances to learn, travel and be heard. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Don't let confusion take over. If there is something you don't understand, ask questions, do your research and follow through. Your practical outlook will help you put an end to someone's attempts to lead you in the wrong direction. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Participation will help you connect with interesting people. Collaboration will bring about a positive change in your direction. Listen to what others have to say, but don't let anyone take over. Procrastinating will not get you where you want to go. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Be aware of jealous peers. Focus on details, and make sure that you have the upper hand with regard to any project you get involved in. It's OK to help others, but you don't let anyone take you for granted. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Listen carefully, but don't believe everything you hear. Someone will try to lead you astray. Use your skills masterfully to help you negotiate and set the standard for things to come. Change is apparent and can be positive if you are aggressive. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Wheel and deal, communicate and expand your interests. Don't let emotions take over. Stick to your plan and use the information you dig up on your own to ensure that you reach the goal you set. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): A change will do you good and will help your financial situation. Put your best foot forward and make a point to physically improve a situation that determines your progress. Romance will improve your personal life and relationship. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): You'll dazzle everyone with the way you express, present and promote what you want to do. Your ability to see the big picture and to set new trends will draw plenty of interest. Opportunity is within reach, so don't let it slip away. ✪✪✪

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

2			3		1			9
				2		6		
	4	5				3		
9			8	5	6			2
	2						4	
1			4	7	2			5
		6				9	1	
		9		3				
8			1		9			7

Difficulty Level ★ 8/17

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

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Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

8	9	4	5	2	1	3	7	6
1	7	5	9	6	3	2	4	8
3	2	6	4	7	8	5	1	9
6	8	2	3	5	4	1	9	7
9	5	7	2	1	6	8	3	4
4	3	1	7	8	9	6	5	2
7	6	9	8	3	5	4	2	1
2	1	3	6	4	7	9	8	5
5	4	8	1	9	2	7	6	3

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 8/17

WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS Solution: 6 letters

M	T	B	S	R	O	L	O	C	W	O	O	L	E	K
I	I	U	S	F	S	G	N	I	H	T	O	L	C	L
R	E	L	E	D	F	B	E	S	P	O	K	E	I	O
T	Y	C	N	Ⓣ	Ⓘ	Ⓤ	Ⓢ	I	Z	E	N	N	N	N
E	E	E	O	F	F	I	C	E	C	L	E	A	N	G
D	L	K	T	L	B	U	T	T	O	N	S	T	A	S
B	E	G	C	K	L	M	O	T	S	U	C	R	P	L
T	T	S	N	A	R	A	H	F	R	O	M	L	O	E
H	T	I	A	I	J	A	R	I	T	E	E	D	L	E
G	S	E	N	E	S	E	D	T	N	A	I	O	K	V
I	K	I	K	T	N	A	O	T	T	E	M	U	A	E
A	C	R	R	C	E	N	L	E	R	R	A	B	D	K
R	E	O	H	R	O	D	D	D	Y	E	R	L	O	O
T	H	N	P	S	E	P	I	R	T	S	A	E	T	Y
S	C	S	T	E	K	C	A	L	P	K	L	I	S	D

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Last Friday's Answer: Candy Apple

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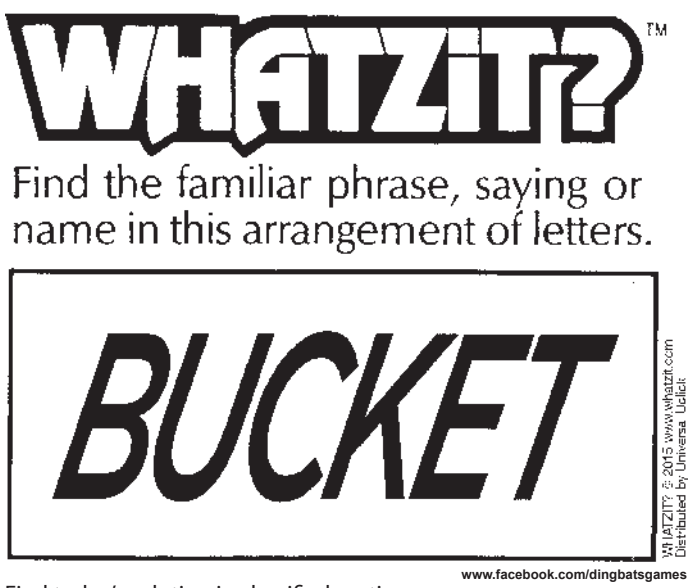

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Position: **Accountant/Auditor**
Salary Offered: $ 14.13/hour
Job Description: Prepares, examines, or analyzes accounting records, financial statements, or other financial reports to assess accuracy, completeness, and conformance to reporting and procedural standards; Reports to management regarding the finances of establishment; Develops, implements, modifies, and documents recordkeeping and accounting systems; Computes taxes owed and prepare tax returns, ensuring compliance with payment, reporting or other tax requirements; Oversees day-to-day activities of office, accounting, shop, as well as field workers; Reviews contracts, project billing, and change orders prepared by other staff and counter check figures prior to finalizing and submission to contract owner; Prepares and generates end of month reports, maintains record keeping and prepares accounts for management information; Prepares annual tax reconciliation, budget, and attend to audit.

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- Knowledge to load/unload petroleum diesel at filling rack
- Knowledge to read tank truck gauges or meters
- Must know to transport hazardous materials (petroleum diesel) and must know how to respond in case of spillage and emergency.
- Safety training is required to Hazardous material transportation
- Familiarization in hazard class 1075 & 49 CFR (Hazard Masterials/Dangerous Goods)
- Must be a certified Hazmat Tank truck driver
- Must have not less than 5 years experience as a Hazmat Tank Truck Driver
- Commercial Driver's Health Certificate is required.
- Must possess a current and valid CNMI driver's license and not be disqualified to drive a motor vehicle.

1 – BOOKKEEPER/ACCOUNTANT
Salary: Minimum/Negotiable, Full time
- Bachelors degree in Accounting with 5 years work related experience in financial transactions.
- Familiar with Petroleum business activities
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Position: **Architectural Drafter**
Salary Offered: $ 14.13/hour
Job Description: Operates computer-aided drafting (CAD) equipment or conventional drafting station to produce designs, working drawings, charts, forms and records; Analyzes building codes, by-laws, space and site requirements, and other technical documents and reports to determine their effect on architectural designs; Coordinates structural, electrical and mechanical designs and determine a method of presentation to graphically represent building plans; Draws rough and detailed scale plans for foundations, buildings and structures, based on preliminary concepts, sketches, engineering calculations, specification sheets and other data; Lays out and plan interior room arrangements for commercial buildings using computer-assisted drafting (CAD) equipment and software; Responsible for preparation of various construction plans and details (AutoCAD), construction daily reports, progress schedule and enforcement of safety plans; supervises actual construction of various projects, oversee of sub-contractor trades and crews, including quality control.

Minimum Qualifications: With a college degree of Bachelor of Science in Architecture. With at least 7 years of work experience as an Architectural Drafters or Architect in a company that specializes in the construction of commercial and institutional buildings, roads, and related structures.

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The Position: **Project Manager/Civil Engineer**
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Job Description: Processes, tracks, and distributes submittals and shop drawings; Manages document control processes, including change orders, subcontractor billings, field production tracking, purchasing and contract administration; Inspects project sites to monitor progress and ensure conformance to design specifications and safety or sanitation standards; Conducts quality control inspections of completed work; Ensures equipments and materials are in accordance with contract drawings and specifications by monitoring and coordinating construction activities; Responsible for overall project planning, operations and scheduling, resource allocation, project accounting, and control, providing technical direction and ensuring compliance with quality standards; Provide technical advice to industrial or managerial personnel regarding design, construction, or program modifications or structural repairs; and Manages and directs the construction, operations, or maintenance activities at project site.

Minimum Qualifications: With a college degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Must have at least 7 years of relevant work experience as a Project Manager or Civil Engineer in a company that specializes in the construction of commercial and institutional buildings, roads, and related structures.

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Minimum 5 years work experienced as the Manager in EMPLOYMENT AGENCY for the special talent and skilled person. Perfectly knows how to speak and read English and Japanese.

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(2) COOK
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(3) Dance Instructor*
- With 2 years experience

* **Flexible hours**

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Minimum 5 years work experience of Apartment Rental Management. Perfectly knows how to speak and read English and Japanese.

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Operations Manager (1)
Job duties: The operations manager is responsible in planning and implementation of the overall business direction of the company. Responsible for creating production and marketing plans and making sure these plans are implemented and targets are achieved accordingly.

Job requirements: Minimum 5 years experience in managing shrimp aquaculture business. Must have the technical knowledge on shrimp farming as well as the skills necessary in business management. Must be a graduate of a 4-year degree course related to aquaculture or business management and have proven track record of managing businesses and people. The position also requires being on call 24 hours, 7 days a week. Basic knowledge of electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems also required.

Electrician (1)
Job duties: Pull out, installation, repair and maintenance of water pumps, motor aerators, and other support equipment for aquaculture. Repair and maintenance of electrical installations, building, and other structures. Repair and maintenance of heavy duty generators.

Job requirements: Minimum 4 years experience in electrical and mechanical works. Related engineering degree and previous experience in aquaculture operations is an advantage and preferred. Willing to be on call 24 hours a day. Able to lift up to 75lbs.

Accountant (1)
Job duties: Prepare, examine or analyze accounting record, financial statements or other financial reports to asses accuracy, completeness and conformance to reporting and procedural standards. Report to management regarding the finances of establishments. Establish tables of accounts and design entries to proper accounts. Develop, implement, modify and document record keeping and accounting systems. Compute taxes owed and prepare tax returns ensuring compliance with payment, reporting and other tax requirements.

Job requirements: Accounting graduate or 4 years bachelor degree in accounting. Minimum 5 years experience in accounting. Well-versed in SAP accounting or any other accounting software. Must be skilled in use of MS Excel, Word and PowerPoint. Strong communication and interpersonal skills, team player and with positive attitude.

Aquaculture Farmer (1)
Job duties: Feeding and monitoring of live aquatic animals, cleaning of tanks, weighing of feeds, harvesting and packing, nighttime monitoring, grounds maintenance and other related jobs.

Job requirements: High school graduate, in good physical and health condition, able to lift up to 60lbs., knowledge of basic mathematical calculations. Must be willing to work night shifts, be a team player and with good working attitude.

Sales Representative (1)
Job duties: Market development, delivery, collection and other customer relations duty. Formulations of sales and marketing strategies. Market survey and analysis and competitor benchmarking.

Job requirements: Minimum experience of 4 years in the seafood retail and wholesale business. Professional driving skills required. Proficient in MS Word and Excel. With proven track record in sales specifically in market development. With excellent oral and written communication skills. Able to lift up to 60lbs.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at the Saipan Shrimp & Broodstock Co., Ltd. Human Resources Office located in Linao Ln, China Town.
Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.
To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Thursday, August 20, 2015.

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Air conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic
Associate's Degree or Vocational School graduate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, servicing, and repairing air conditioning and refrigerating systems in residences and commercial establishments. Must have his/her own reliable transportation and must be able to work flexible hours.

A pre-employment drug testing is required.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Monday, August 17, 2015.

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JOB VANCANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1 – LPG EQUIPMENT/TANKER MECHANIC
Salary: Minimum/Negotiable, Full time
- Applicant must have a minimum of 5 preferably more years experience specifically dealing with LPG with demonstrable experience in the administering of LPG equipment installations and their subsequent maintenance.
- Repairing and maintaining of LPG Tanker Trucks, LPG pumps and metering system.
- must have experience with dangerous good regulations and familiarization in hazard class 1075 & 49 CFR (Hazard Materials and Dagerous Goods).
- must have the knowledge in safety practices and hazmat security procedures.
- Safety training to Hazardous Material transportation is required.
- Commercial Driver's Health Certificate is required.
- Excellent communication skills both verbal and written especially when it come to inventory and reporting.
- Must possess a current and valid CNMI driver's license and not be disqualified to drive a motor vehicle.

1 – LPG TANK TRUCK DRIVER
Salary: Minimum/Negotiable, Full time
- Must have 5 years experience as LPG Tank Truck Driver
- Knowledge to load and/or unload LPG at filling rack and read gauges or meters.
- Must know to operate LPG Truck (MC-331) in accordance to established safety procedures.
- Must be a trained Hazmat Tank truck driver
- Safety training certificate is required in Hazardous Material Transportation and have knowledge in Hazard Class 1075 & 49 CFR (Hazard Materials/Dangerous Goods).
- Commercial Drivers Health Certificate is required
- Must possess a current and valid CNMI driver's license and not be disqualified to drive a motor vehicle.

1 – LPG MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
Salary: Minimum/Negotiable, Full time
- Must have 5 years experience in the relevant field
- Ability to perform LPG equipment installation.
- Monitor the loading and/or unloading of LPG from isotainer to LPG storage tank with safety procedures.
- Training certificate is required in Hazardous Material Transportation
- Familiarization in Hazard Class 1075 & 49 CFR (Hazard Materials/Dangerous Goods)
- Commercial Drivers Health Certificate is required
- Must possess a current and valid CNMI driver's license and not be disqualified to drive a motor vehicle.

1 – BOOKKEEPER/ACCOUNTANT
Salary: Minimum/Negotiable, Full time
- Applicant must have 5 years work related experience in accounting.
- Must have knowledge in LPG Petroleum business activities.
- Must have a good communication and multitasking skills, organizational, self-motivation, responsibility, and able to manage deadlines.
- Must have knowledge in Peachtree software, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft Word operations.

Mail your complete application or resume' to:
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Closing date: August 19, 2015

D&Q Saipan Co., Ltd
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A minimum of 3 years work related experience required with a successful sales record. Ideally with an Associate's Degree in Sales & Marketing plus experience in F&B, menu preparation & costing. Proficient in MS Excel, Word, Outlook. Ability to speak Mandarin, Cantonese, Japanese or Korean an advantage. Must have a valid driver's license and a clean driving record. Availability to work evenings, holidays and weekends is also required.

Interested applicants must have their own reliable transportation. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

ACCOUNTANT

BA in Accounting and a minimum of 3 years experience is required, including preparation of financial statements, processing accounts receivables & payables and other general accounting procedures. Must possess work-related skills, have knowledge & experience in purchasing, inventory control and bank reconciliation. Proficient in various computer software: MS Excel, Word, Outlook and ACCPAC/Sage or similar accounting system. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Interested applicants may submit an application and/or resume at our Saipan office located in the C.T.S.I. building, Lower Base, by August 14, 2015. Applications may also be sent to:info@dqsaipan.com. The successful applicant will be required to provide a police clearance.

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association
Is looking for a
HEAD COACH
January to December 2016

Location: Saipan, CNMI.

Duties and Responsibilities:
- Introduce and demonstrate up to date training methods and playing techniques to players and then plan, organize, and conduct training and practice sessions.
- Scout and observe players from all levels to evaluate players' strengths and weaknesses, to recommend the level at which players can train or players, and to identify and recruit potential athletes..
- Plan and direct physical conditioning programs that will enable athletes to achieve maximum performance.
- Coach, train and prepare national team players for international competitions
- Provide training direction and develop methods to encourage and motivate players for games and competitions.
- Adjust coaching techniques, based on the strengths and weaknesses of athletes.
- Instruct individuals or groups in sports rules, game strategies, and performance principles.
- Keep records of athletes, teams and opposing teams' performance and analyze the strength and weaknesses of opposing teams to develop game strategies.
- Take the lead for developing a multi-year strategic plan for the NMIFA.

Minimum Qualification:
- Bachelor's degree in Sports Science, Physical Education or related major plus 5 years minimum experience in the job offered. Resume must reflect the experience required and references will be verified.
- Applicant must be a Class A-Licensed Coach in soccer.
- Must have extensive experience in soccer sports development including development programs of youth, men and women national players.
- Can work flexible hours and available on weekends, holidays and weeknights.
- Must have international coaching experience at the national level.
- Can communicate effectively in English and understanding and speaking other Asian languages is a plus.
- Familiarity with EAFF and AFC run programs and competitions will be highly considered.

Salary will be based on qualification. Please send resume and other documents showing all requirements to the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association - 3rd Floor, TSL Plaza, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan or PMB 338, P.O. Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950 or Fax no. 1-670-233-6632 or email to rzapanta@nmifa.com. To be considered, resume must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm, Wednesday, August 26, 2015.

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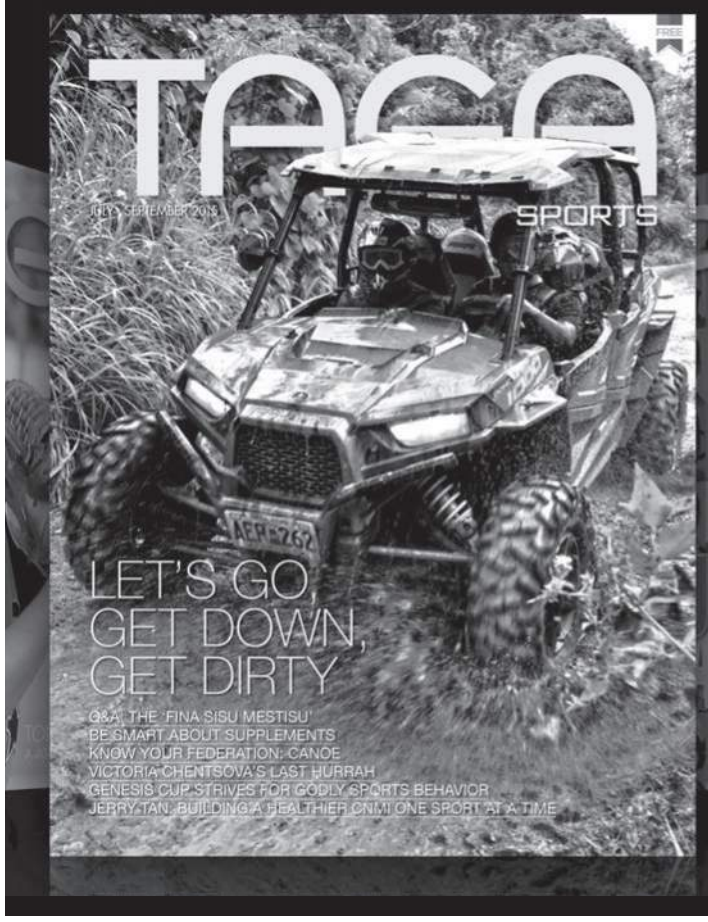
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